



**Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy**
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**JOINT COMMITTEE
Of the
CLWYDIAN RANGE & DEE VALLEY
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

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Title: Item 6 Future Landscapes: Delivering for Wales- 'The Review of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks in Wales'

1. What is the report about?

The recently produced document: **Future Landscapes: Delivering for Wales- 'The Review of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks in Wales'**

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Team have been involved over several years working with the other Protected Areas, Welsh Government and Natural resources Wales to make our Protected Landscapes fit for purpose. This included contributions to 'Taking the Long View' and the more recent 'Marsden Report' on Protected Landscapes, by Professor Terry Marsden and the current review, 'Future landscapes: Delivering for Wales.'

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Joint Committee scrutinise and endorse the Review and adopt the shared vision from the Review.

Each of the Protected Areas has been requested to look at adopting this joint vision that follows by Welsh Government:

Wales as a nation values its landscapes for what they provide for the people of Wales and elsewhere. The designated landscapes of Wales deliver both within

and beyond their boundaries to enhance their social, economic, environmental and cultural resources; delivering the maximum well-being benefits for present and future generations whilst enhancing the very qualities that make them both distinctive and cherished.

4. Report details.

See attached appendix 1.

5. How does it contribute to the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB Management Plans Priorities?

The priority areas cover both National Parks and AONBs, but there are several important actions:

- NRW should fully explore with partner organisations the interaction between designated landscapes' Management Plans and emerging Area Statements.
- Members or Boards of all partners to adopt the vision and engage with staff, Members and partners, incorporating it into relevant publications.
- Adopt the Governance Principles as a model for any future designation. Undertake a more detailed review of current governance against the Principles and make recommendations for change.
- The Welsh Government and NRW to develop and introduce a consistent approach to planning and performance reporting.
- The Welsh Government in partnership with the AONBs to produce proposals for a more secure resourcing model.
- Designated landscape management organisations and partnerships to further develop and refine their own understanding of local economic resilience and economic opportunities.
- Strengthen collaboration and support between the designated landscapes and areas with UNESCO Global Geopark, UNESCO World Heritage Site, UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status and International Dark Sky Reserves to maximise economic and education benefits. Review funding priorities for Sustainable Development Fund and other investments by the designated landscapes and partners in order to ensure their effectiveness in supporting local economic initiatives based on local priorities and need, linking to place planning.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There is a zero cost other than officer time, WG have allocated funds to support travel, meetings and accommodation.

- 7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.**

N/A

- 8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

The AONB Partnership and Officers' Working Group have been consulted.

- 9. Chief Finance Officer Statement.**

There are no additional costs directly associated with this report

- 10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

None

- 11. Power to make the Decision**

The Legal basis to lies in Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act of 1972 and the Local Government Act 2000, where Local authorities can enter arrangements to 'Discharge functions jointly with one or more other local authorities by means of a Joint Committee'